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INSURANCE FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has achieved the target of including 20 lakh weavers in two years in the life insurance scheme announced for the handloom weavers in the year 2005-06;

(b) whether an assessment has been made is this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if so, whether data of the number of beneficiaries of the life insurance scheme has been received;

(e) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(f) whether insurance cover upto Rs.50,000 has been made available to such handloom weavers;

(g) whether the whole amount earmarked for the said scheme has been spent/utilized; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c) The Government of India introduced a modified Bunkar Bima Yojana called Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana during 2005-06 for providing Insurance Cover for handloom weavers in the case of natural as well as accidental death. The scheme was formally launched on 2nd October 2005 and 204894 weavers were covered under this scheme during the period October 2005 to March 2006. Prior to the introduction of the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana the earlier Bunkar Bima Yojana was in existence upto September 2005. The coverage under the Bunkar Bima Yojana during the period April to September 2005 was 94712 weavers. The total coverage under the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana and Bunkar Bima Yojana during 2005-06 was 299606 weavers, which is higher than the coverage of 213600 weavers under the Bunkar Bima Yojana during 2004-05.

(d) The State-wise coverage of weavers under the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana and the Bunkar Bima Yojana during 2005-06 as per the reports received from the Life Insurance Corporation of India is given at Annexure.

(e) As per the information received from the Life Insurance Corporation of India, 1557 natural death claims amounting to Rs.3,11,40,000/- and 15 accidental death claims amounting to Rs.7,25,000/- under the Bunkar Bima Yojana were received and settled during 2005-06. Under the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana 7 natural death claims amounting to Rs.3,50,000/- were received and settled during 2005-06.

(f) and (g) A sum of Rs.3.15 crore earmarked for the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana during the year 2005-06 has been released to the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) towards Central Government Share of premium for coverage of weavers under the scheme.

(h) Does not arise.

Annexure referred to in part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3765 due for answer on 16.05.2006 raised by Shri Ashok Kumar Rawat & Shri Mohd. Tahir, Hon'ble MPs.

State-wise No. of weavers covered under the Bunkar Bima Yojana and Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana during the year 2005-06.

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Bunkar Bima Yojana April to September 2005.	Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana October 2005 to March 2006

1.	Andhra Pradesh	51210	14258
2.	Assam	5859	2219
3.	Delhi	942	-
4.	Gujarat	2673	804
5.	Himachal Pradesh	-	3505
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	25	366
7	Karnataka	23645	4220
8.	Kerala	2145	1610
9.	Madhya Pradesh	2361	1692
10.	Maharashtra	55	5631
11.	Orissa	2864	20505
12.	Rajasthan	1183	12451
13.	Uttar Pradesh	1595	16016
14.	Uttaranchal	96	411
15.	Tamil Nadu	59	117220
16.	West Bengal	-	3986
	TOTAL	94712	204894